



September 10, 2015

VISION: Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

MISSION STATEMENT: It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

Elections

Wisconsin voters do not have an election until next year (despite all of the national news). However, the City Elections Office staff encourages you to take a moment now to make sure you have what it takes to cast a ballot. All voters will have to show "Proof of Identification" before they can receive a ballot and vote. You likely already have what you need to show as proof of identification.



Don't have one of these? Go to the [Bring it to the Ballot website](#) for other photo ID options or to learn how to get a free state ID card.

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Community Development

'A Grand Evening on the Bridge'

Guests enjoyed an elegant evening on the Grand Avenue foot bridge when Downtown Eau Claire Inc. hosted its fundraiser "A Grand Evening on the Bridge" on August 26. More than 150 people attended the dinner, which also raised money for the Chippewa Valley Theater Guild and the Rotary of Eau Claire.

Guests were seated on the bridge which was transformed by Brent Douglas Floral into a uniquely whimsical environment. Guests were then treated to a three-course dinner with gourmet cheese and crackers, along with a hand-tossed salad from Court 'n House's Side Bar, the main course of chicken cordon bleu came from Houligan's Steak and Seafood Pub, and guests finished with red velvet and chocolate cupcakes from Dessert First. Wine from Infinity Beverages and live jazz music were new additions to this year's event, after a sell-out inaugural dinner last year.



Community invited downtown for the 38th International Fall Festival

For 38 years, the Eau Claire community has enjoyed and celebrated the International Fall Festival. Always the third Saturday of September, the festival will be held on September 19 and is hosted by Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

The festival will have nearly 100 vendors lining S. Barstow Street. There will be cultural street performances, like Irish dancing, throughout the day by local groups. There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting and inflatables at the Xcel Energy Kid Zone.

Fest goers will be able to find food on every corner- from Native American fry bread, to Greek salad, baklava, gyros, burritos, tacos and Cuban sandwiches. There will also be American favorites like cheese curds, corn dogs, pulled pork and ice cream. New this year is a cotton candy eating contest. It's a timed event-not all you can eat!

The Blugold Marching Band will be joining the festival once again. This year UWEC has the biggest marching band in the state at 330 members. They will be at the end of the RCU Parade of Nations that starts at 3pm, and will also perform about a ½ hour show afterwards in the parking lot across from the Children's Museum.

There are also a couple of activities happening in conjunction with the festival. Sculpture Tour Eau Claire is hosting a scavenger hunt that will kick-off during the festival. Downtown businesses are also hosting Wisctoberfest which will feature a poker run, pub crawl and games. People can acquire punch cards, stop at businesses, and have a chance to win \$500.

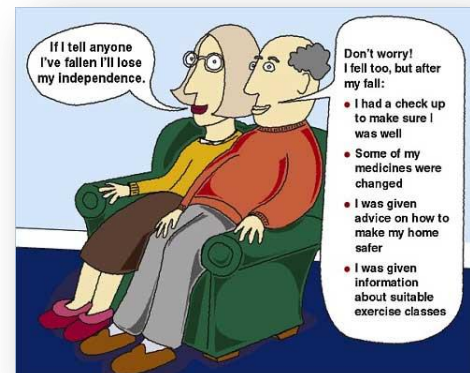


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Fire & Rescue

Elderly Falls Prevention Program

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), one in three adults age 65 and older fall each year, and of those 20 - 30% suffer moderate to severe injuries that make it harder to get around, to live independently and increase the risk of early death. Accidental falls account for approximately \$34 billion in direct medical costs to older adults. They can be caused by a number of things such as instability due to the aging process, trip hazards, loss of strength, reactions among medications and different disease processes. Eau Claire Fire and Rescue, in partnership with the Eau Claire ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) and the Eau Claire County Falls Coalition, have developed a program to reduce the number of accidental falls in the region. A brochure was developed that is carried on all Eau Claire Fire and Rescue apparatus, as well as with Altoona First Responders, Emergicare personnel, and Fall Creek First Responders. This brochure is given to any person who calls 9-1-1 for fall assistance and contains information on what to do if a person falls and also steps to take to prevent subsequent falls.



In the event of an accidental fall, the patient is assessed for injury and transported to the hospital if he/she desires. If the patient does not wish to be transported, he/she will be presented with the brochure and asked to sign a release of information. This release allows the emergency responders to pass notice of the patient's fall on to the ADRC for a follow-up and to the patient's personal physician for documentation. For further information on this topic, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/>.

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Safe Medication Disposal—Prescription Drug Take-Back Program



The [Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention](#) (Alliance) at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department is a coalition working to improve the lives of children, youth and adults by mobilizing communities to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse in Eau Claire County. On October 17, 2015, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) will coordinate a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin.

The Alliance encourages community participation in this event. The Prescription Drug Take-Back Program provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal of prescription medications. Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused and abused. By properly disposing of unused/expired prescription drugs, we make them less available and accessible. These efforts help tackle the rising threat of prescription drug misuse in our community.

What to bring to a drop off location: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications.

Do not bring: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, inhalers, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

Drop-off Locations:

Altoona Emergency Services

1904 Spooner Avenue
Hours M-F, 8 am-4 pm

Augusta City Hall

145 W. Lincoln Street
Hours M-F, 8 am – 4 pm

Fall Creek Village Hall

122 E. Lincoln Avenue
Hours M-F, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Eau Claire County Jail Lobby

Enter from 2nd Avenue
Hours M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Eau Claire County Courthouse

Law Enforcement Center
721 Oxford Avenue
Hours M-F, 8 am – 5 pm

For more information about the Prescription Drug Take-Back Program, visit:

<http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/health-department/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drug-use/alliance-for-substance-abuse-prevention/alliance-program-resources>

Library



Clear Water Comedy presents...Banned! Books in Drag

Thursday, October 1 • 9 p.m. - Midnight • The Plus, 208 S. Barstow St., Eau Claire

The library has teamed up with Clear Water Comedy to celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Books Week. “Banned! Books in Drag” Comedy and Drag Show will feature some of Eau Claire’s favorite drag artists giving performances inspired by commonly banned and challenged books.



Kicking off the event will be special guest comic Maggie Faris. Faris is noted for her ceaselessly cheerful personality and seemingly endless series of quirky, intelligent jokes dissecting our fears and social barriers. She recently won The Advocate magazine’s national search for the Next Funniest Queer Comedian. She was also voted “Best Comedian” by her Minnesota peers.

Banned Books Week is an annual campaign that celebrates the freedom to read. The library supports your right to choose what you read by providing open access to a diverse collection of materials which represent many different viewpoints. To learn more, visit www.bannedbooksweek.org.

We hope to see you at this event as we celebrate diversity, fight censorship and have a great time!

Other upcoming events:

Foraging for Wild Edibles

Thursday, September 24 • 7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Learn how to find, harvest and eat food derived from plants growing in the wild. Registration required.



Back to School! The Future! (Ages 10-17)

Saturday, September 19 • 5-7:30 p.m. • Youth Services Program Room

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of this cult classic with pretzels, pizza rolls and a totally awesome 80s craft! **Registration is required.** To register, call 715-839-5007.

Bike to the Library Day

Saturday, September 26 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Front Walk

Ride your bike to the library, then stop by Information & Reference to find out how you can get your name entered into a drawing for cycling-related prizes! Jeremy Gragert, Share & Be Aware Ambassador for the Wisconsin Bike Federation, will be on hand to share free copies of the new Chippewa Valley Bike Map, help you plan safe routes, and answer questions to help make biking even more enjoyable for both recreation and transportation.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or call 715-839-5004.

Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Online registration for fall and winter recreation programs begins Sept. 9

Residents can register online for fall and winter programs offered through the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9. Residents can find a complete listing of available classes through the department's Prime Times activity catalog. Prime Times is available [online](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/online), in grocery stores and other high-traffic locations around town. Online registration is available at www.eauclairewi.gov/reg.

Healthy Trails to You

Hit the trails for a happier, healthier you with a new Parks and Recreation program in partnership with Mayo Clinic Health System. Join a health care provider for a walk on a local trail, while learning about important health topics. Healthy Trails is a free program and open to all ages and fitness levels. The program meets from 9 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month (RSVPs not necessary).

- Sept. 12 – Carson Park (meet by the Blue Ox)
- Oct. 10 – Phoenix Park (meet at Celebration Plaza by the flags)
- Nov. 14 – Owen Park (meet by the playground)

Healthy Trails

Partnership Program with
Mayo Clinic Health System

Age: All ages welcome
Fee: FREE, no registration required
Time: 9:00am—10:00am

Schedule:

September 12—Carson Park
October 10—Phoenix Park
November 14—Owen Park

Enjoying local parks is a simple, free way to boost mental health and accomplish your fitness goals. Studies show that walking reduces various cardiac risk factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, vascular stiffness, inflammation, and mental stress. The average adult burns 100 calories for every mile walked.

Join a doctor on a walk, learn about important health topics, and explore local parks. You'll get to have quality time with a physician, learn valuable information about improving your health, and accomplish an invigorating tour of local recreation resources.

Each class will begin at 9am with a presentation about wellness from a certified physician followed by the walk at 9:10am.

Participants will choose their own distance and walk at their own pace.

Healthy Trails
Sponsored by:

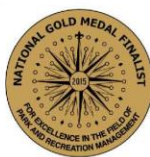


Rx Park Pages

Ever wonder what our parks can offer

you? We believe that getting out and experiencing the parks can have huge health benefits! Check it out at

www.eauclairewi.gov/parkpages or scan the QR code provided.



A PRESCRIPTION TO LIVE
LIFE BETTER!

Rx Healthy Trails



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Eau Claire Glow Ride Oct. 3

Light up the night with fellow cycling enthusiasts Saturday, Oct. 3, during the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department's inaugural Glow Ride. Riders should check in at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie St., with the ride commencing at 8 p.m. Awards will be given to the rider and bicycle combination that glows the most, as well as to the brightest foursome of riders.

The event is open to riders of all ages. Helmets are required. Cost is \$10 per rider or \$30 for a group of four. Register online by Friday, Oct. 2, at www.eauclairewi.gov/reg.

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GLOW RIDE

JOIN US FOR A GLOW IN THE DARK RIDE ON THE CHIPPEWA RIVER TRAIL!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

RIDER CHECK-IN @ 7PM

RIDE STARTS @ 8PM

CHECK-IN AT HOBBS

915 MENOMONIE ST
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 2, 2015

EAUCLAIREWI.GOV/REG
(CODE FAAGR-101HB)

ALL AGES WELCOME

\$10 PER RIDER
\$30 FOR A GROUP OF 4

PRIZES AWARDED FOR MOST GLOW!

MOST GLOWING GROUP OF 4

MOST GLOWING BIKE AND RIDER

SAFETY

HELMETS REQUIRED
NO MOTORIZED BIKES



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SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

A new school year is now in session. Remember to pay special attention to school zones, crosswalks and bus stops during your commutes.

A reminder about school bus laws:

- Drivers must stop on the street or highway 20 feet or more from any school bus that has stopped and is flashing red warning lights.
 - This applies both to vehicles approaching from the rear and from the opposing lanes.
 - All lanes of traffic must stop for the school bus, except in opposing lanes if the highway is divided with a center median.
 - No vehicle may proceed until the bus resumes motion and has turned off the red warning lights.
 - The stop arm on the bus is an added communication to other drivers, but the lack of an extended stop arm is not reason to pass a bus whose red lights are flashing.

Safety rules to share with children:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.
- Use good behavior while on the bus:
 - When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
 - Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.
 - Keep aisles clear – books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
 - Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
 - Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat, then walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail.

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Public Works

Alternative plans discussed for alternate side parking

The Streets Maintenance Division is proposing a plan that enacts alternate-side parking only when full snowplow operations are in effect. Current city ordinances require residents to alternate which side of the street they park on from midnight until 7 a.m. from November 1 through May 1, depending on the calendar date: odd sides of the street during odd-numbered days, even sides of the street during even-numbered days.

A new plan would require alternate side parking from midnight until midnight only while full snowplow operations are in effect (generally after 3 inches of snowfall). Alternate side parking would expire at the conclusion of plowing, typically four days or 96 hours after commencement.

Residents are encouraged to submit comments, concerns or questions to their City Council representatives before the matter is discussed.

High Bridge lighting complete

Electrical work recently was completed on the High Bridge. All lights are operational.

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City Council Meeting Summary – September 8, 2015

The City Council

- Conducted public discussion and passed a resolution approving the construction of, appropriating funding for, and amending the contract for the North Barstow Parking Structure, to add a fourth level.
- Granted new and renewal bartender licenses, along with temporary liquor licenses.
- Authorized special events, including the Memorial Homecoming Parade and the Biggest Loser Run/Walk, the ADRC Celebrating Progress event, the Family Video Movie Marathon 5K, and the Parks and Recreation Glow Ride.
- Approved bids and proposals for an RFP for a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan and the Rehabilitation of Sewage Manholes.
- Declared a portion of 801 West Grand Avenue excess land and authorized the sale.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances regarding bow hunting within the City limits.
- Had first reading of an ordinance adopting the update to the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan.



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